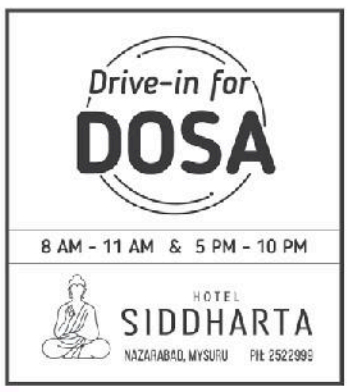

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MURDER

Woman axed to death in sleep

Husband surrenders before Police

Pushpa, victim

Mysuru, Apr. 30 (MK&BCT)- A 26-year-old woman was allegedly hacked to death with an axe by her husband in the early hours of today at their rented house in Old Kesare.

The victim, identified as Pushpa, was working at a beauty parlour. Her husband, Mahesh, who is accused of the crime, later surrendered before the Narasimharaja (NR) Police.

According to Police, the incident took place around 4 am when Mahesh allegedly attacked Pushpa with an axe while she was asleep, following frequent quarrels. Investigators said, the couple had been arguing over her work and his suspicions about her fidelity. Married in an arranged alliance about one-and-a-half years ago, the couple had no children. Pushpa's maternal home is in Amrutha Layout, Rajarajeshwari Nagar.

Police said, the relationship had been strained for some time due to Mahesh's suspicions.

Police said, a minor argument over sambar prepared last night is believed to have triggered the assault, though the couple had a history of disputes. Pushpa suffered severe head injuries and died on the spot.

Following the incident, relatives of the deceased gathered at the house seeking justice. Senior officers, including NR ACP K.T. Mathews Thomas, along with Inspector Kumar and SI Gopal, visited the scene and are conducting further investigation.

KRS Dam level dips by 8 ft. in 15 days

- From 101.40 ft. to 93.50 ft., down by 8 ft.
- No water for irrigation from today

Mysuru, Apr. 30 (AG&BCT)- The water level at the Krishna Raja Sagar Dam (KRS) has dropped sharply over the past fortnight, raising concerns over availability during the peak summer weeks.

Between Apr. 15 and today (Apr. 30), the reservoir level fell from 101.40 ft. to 93.50 ft., marking a decline of nearly 8 ft. The maximum storage level of the Dam is 124.80 ft., with a capacity of 49.452 tmcft.

Total storage reduced from 23.928 tmcft to 18.133 tmcft, while live storage dipped from 15.549 tmcft to 9.754 tmcft, marking a drop of 5.795 tmcft.

Inflows into the reservoir have also declined significantly, coming down from 167 cusecs mid-month to just 95 cusecs today.

While natural inflow has reduced by 72 cusecs, outflow has increased to meet irrigation needs and drinking water supply.

(See KRS on page 6)

Holiday

*Our offices will remain closed tomorrow on account of **May Day**. Hence, there will be no issue of **Star of Mysore** dated **May 1, 2026.***

— Management

STAR OF MYSORE

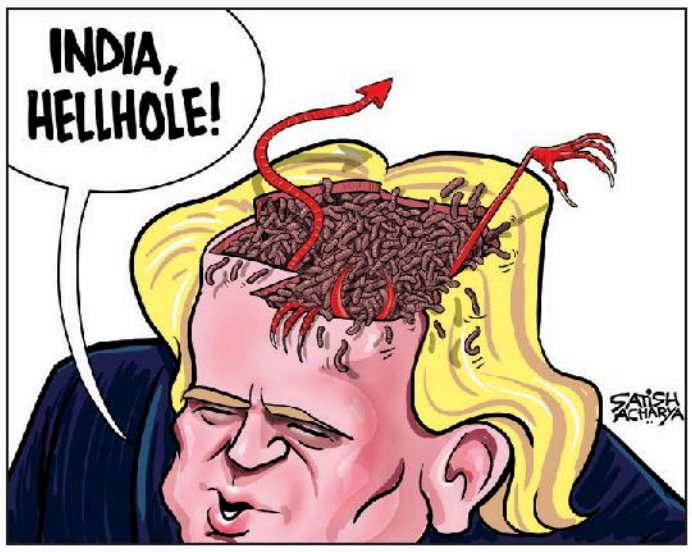
"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Thursday 30th April 2026

STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya



EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

WE ARE NOT THE LAST STEP IN TERRESTRIAL EVOLUTION: ***All natural disasters and viral pandemics have shown how dependent we all are on each other for help and support. We are all connected to others with our thinking patterns, aspirations, visions, ideas and goals. A new understanding of mutual accountability and an aspiration to feel connected are surfacing because all are part of the Supreme Being.***

To realise and feel this truth, the transformation and evolution of consciousness is required. A strong aspiration for this transformation is the starting point. One has to be receptive by inner opening. Inner opening — to enter a transformed consciousness, where one starts relating to true jnan, not acquired information, which propels one to lose interest in things once desirable. This is just the beginning towards evolution.

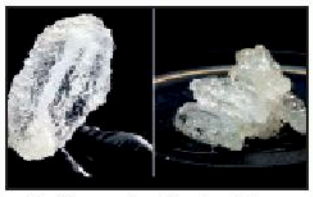
Transformation does not mean a change in individuality or the gaining of siddhis or accomplishments; it is a reformed consciousness that propels one towards a higher state of being for true realisation and enlightenment. Realisation enhances the expansion of consciousness, thus expanding the aura. A step towards merging with Universal Consciousness.

It reflects that we are not the last step in terrestrial evolution. The present human consciousness is about to be replaced by a more expanded, new consciousness that will be governed by Supreme Intelligence, from where a new higher Being of Light race will usher in. The time has come for the radical change of consciousness that can deliver the world from its present ambiguity and darkness, ignorance. All activities of Nature are progressing towards Supreme Reality according to the Universal Mechanism. We must be our true selves to realise and feel our hidden treasures, divine attributes and energies that relate to nothing less than the Supreme Reality and Truth.

—Meena Om in The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Fried chicken looks like glass sculptures



Beijing: A food blogger known for his unconventional creations went viral online for creating translucent pieces of fried chicken that seem made of glass.

Last month, Chinese food blogger Cai Nan uploaded a video titled 'I want to make the fried chicken transparent, but the result is strange,' to his YouTube channel. The simple concept of making fried chicken transparent, or at least translucent, sounds insane, but Cai Nan explains the process behind it.

The Chinese food blogger first used a device to turn the chicken meat into a watery liquid. He then restored the structure of muscle fibres using a technique called spherification, which is commonly used in molecular gastronomy. Finally, the glass-like meat and bones are placed in another mould to fuse them together.

Fighting fire using sound waves

New York: Water isn't always available and can cause serious damage when used to put out fires, while chemicals can have serious health and environmental effects.

But what if you could use sound to put out fires? Geoff Bruder, an aerospace engineer, who researched thermal energy conversion at NASA, co-founded Sonic Fire Tech with the goal of offering a novel alternative to fire protection.

An ingenious technology uses low-frequency sound waves to break up the chemical reaction that fuels fire.

Heat, fuel and oxygen are the ingredients for fire, and taking away just one can stop the combustion reaction completely.

Using infrasound waves to push oxygen molecules away from the fuel, this technology prevents fires from getting the oxygen they need to sustain themselves.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Hydration is Protection

Dehydration thickens the blood and increases strain on the heart. Drink water regularly, even before you feel thirsty.

By Dr. C. B. Keshavamurthy, *Senior Consultant – Interventional Cardiology, Manipal Hospitals, Mysuru.*

manipalhospitals LIFE'S ON

**** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature***

Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy and her troupe to perform in Chidambaram

Mysuru, Apr. 30- Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy and her troupe are invited to present a Dance Choreography based on Lord Nataraja on May 2 at Sri Nataraja Temple in Chidambaram, Tamil Nadu, with live music — mridanga by Vid. Dr. Hanumantha Raju and vocal music by Vidu. Ganashree. The entire choreography is by Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy.

Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy will be accompanied by Vidu. Maithreyee Gururaja, Vidu. Vibha Girish, Vidu. Sparsha Shenoy, Vidu. Prakruthi Manjunath and Vidu. Soundarya S. Panapil.

Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284 feet**	Maximum **2,859 feet**
Today's level **93.50 feet**	Today's level **2,257.61 feet**	Today's level **2,827.37 feet**
Last year's level **95.31 feet**	Last year's level **2,264.55 feet**	Last year's level **2,831.95 feet**
Yesterday's level **94.08 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,257.79 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,827.41 feet**
Today's Inflow **95 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **72 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **190 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **4,379 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **700 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **180 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***Tattoos are essentially fossilised immune cells: Why does ink drawn on our outer layer of skin disappear after a few hours but tattoos remain for life, and can even be detected on a 5,000-year-old mummy? Tattooing involves a needle impregnated with black ink penetrating beneath the outer epidermis and into the deeper dermis.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Wife: *Honey, before we got married, you used to give me gifts and expensive jewellery.*
Husband: *Yes... So?*
Wife: *How come you don't do it anymore?*
Husband: *Have you ever seen a fisherman give worms to the fish after catching it?*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 95.33
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 128.36
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 25.95
1 Euro	= Rs. 111.17

VOICE OF THE READER

Crawford Hall Underpass: An appeal to tree-lovers

Sir,

I am a senior citizen aged over 81 and also a regular subscriber of *Star of Mysore* for many years. I can understand the concerns of the members of the Kukkarahalli Lake Protection Committee and other environmentalists regarding the opposition to construct an underpass or a Road Under Bridge at the Crawford Hall Junction. But we should have a broader outlook while expressing our opinions on such complex issues.

Mysuru city has grown beyond Manasagangothri in the western direction, covering areas such as Bogadi village, Dasanakoppal and Maratikyathanahalli. Recently, the State Government has notified the formation of Greater Mysuru.

More tracks have been laid at Ashokapuram Railway Station. More than eight passenger trains, along with goods trains heading towards Bengaluru, depart from this station.

Likewise, an equal number of trains arriving from Bengaluru reach Ashokapuram Railway Station. In addition, several rakes or trains from Mysuru Station go to the Railway Workshop at Ashokapuram for maintenance and mechanical services, and all of them return to Mysuru Station after the work.

On account of this, the Crawford Hall Railway Gate is often closed from 5 am to midnight every day. I myself have seen long queues of vehicles on either side of the gate, waiting for it to open.

The Crawford Hall underpass is very essential for the smooth and unhindered movement of vehicles. The trees lost in this process may be compensated for by planting them elsewhere.

Kukkarahalli Lake has never dried up. No one has seen underground water flowing into the lake, but due to heavy rains during the year, the lake remains full throughout.

I request all tree-lovers to cooperate in the construction of the underpass for the smooth movement of vehicles.

—B.R. Subrahmanya
Kuvempunagar 16.4.2026

Vocal duet by Lathangi Sisters

Lathangi Sisters | Vid. Raghu | Vid. Vinod | Vid. Shamith

Mysuru, Apr. 30- Ganabharathi has organised a Classical Duet in memory of Vidu. G.S. Kamala by Lathangi Sisters — Vidu. Archana and Vidu. Samanvi — at Veene Seshanna Bhavana in Kuvempunagar tomorrow (May 1) at 6 pm. They will be accompanied by Vid. B.K. Raghu on violin, Vid. Anoor Vinod Shyam on mridanga and Vid. Shamith Gowda on ghata.

This event is sponsored by Vidu. G.S. Rajalakshmi and Vid. G.S. Ramanujan.

Profile: Archana is the daughter of Govinda Upadhyaya & Sharada, while Samanvi is the daughter of Shankaranarayana & Radha. Though they are not biological sisters, they are well-known as 'Lathangi Sisters.'

Recognising their talent at a young age, Dr. V. Aravinda Hebbar and Vidu. Vasantalakshmi Hebbar took them into their 'Gurukula,' providing them with foundational education and guidance. They later pursued advanced training under renowned Vidwan Chitravina N. Ravikiran.

The Sisters have gained significant acclaim, performing in approximately 200 concerts to date. They have recorded 'Dasarchane,' a collection of 101 compositions by Haridasas compiled by Aravinda Hebbar.

Lathangi Sisters have been honoured with numerous accolades, including M.S. Subbulakshmi Fellowship Award (Shanmukhananda, Mumbai).

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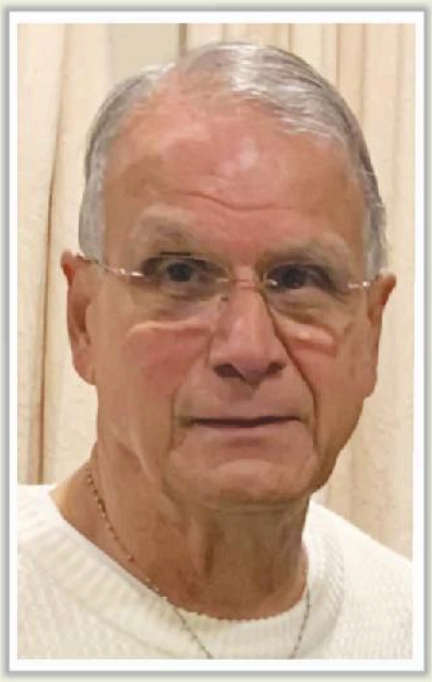


Born in Chennai, India 24-07-1947
Passed away in Melbourne, Australia 30-04-2025

Along the road of suffering, You found a little lane
That took you up to heaven, And ended all your pain,
You may be out of sight, We may be worlds apart.
But you are always in our prayers
And forever in our hearts.

We miss you dearly, darling Freddy.
Beloved husband of Yvonne, Adored father of Andrea,
Cherished Father-in-law of Mark, Loving family & Friends.

Bengaluru rain fury: 7 die in wall collapse

Chief Minister announces Rs. 5 lakh compensation for victims' families; PM O announces Rs. 2 lakh

The debris at the wall collapse site in Bowring and Lady Curzon Hospital at Shivajinagar in Bengaluru yesterday. Picture right shows Chief Minister Siddaramaiah inspecting the incident spot, along with officials, amid rainfall.

Bengaluru, Apr. 30 (Agencies)- Seven people were killed after a compound wall attached to Bowring Hospital collapsed due to heavy rains here yesterday. The victims, mostly street vendors and pedestrians, were reportedly taking shelter near the wall when it suddenly fell amid strong winds and heavy downpour.

The deceased have been identified as Fayaz Ahmed (39) Mohammed Abdul Haq (52), Musavir Begaum (6) residents of Bengaluru; K.K. Latha (57) and Smita (47), from Kerala, Salavuddin Ansari (36) from Uttar Pradesh and Naseemullah (19) from Assam.

Following the incident, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah visited Bowring Hospital in Shivajinagar and obtained a detailed briefing from Police, BBMP and health officials regarding the incident. He later visited the accident site and directed all departments, including civic and emergency response agencies, to submit an immediate detailed report.

Officials informed the Chief Minister that seven people had died and several others were injured in the collapse. According to preliminary inputs shared by authorities, the wall was old and weakened, and the incident occurred during sudden heavy rain and gusty winds.

Expressing strong anger, the Chief Minister ordered a comprehensive inquiry into possible lapses in maintenance and urban safety monitoring. He also directed officials to identify responsibility at all levels.

"Couldn't you see the condition of the old wall? Was there no coordination among departments? This tragedy could have been avoided if proper precautions were taken," Siddaramaiah reportedly said, pulling up officials for negligence.

The Chief Minister also announced a compensation of Rs. 5 lakh each to the families of the deceased and instructed that all injured persons be given free and priority medical treatment. He also visited the emergency ward at Bowring Hospital and interacted with the injured, instructing doctors to ensure the best possible care.

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar and senior civic officials also rushed to the spot and reviewed rescue and relief operations.

Emergency teams used earthmovers to clear debris and recover victims, while police cordoned off the area.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Narendra Modi also condoled the deaths and announced a compensation of Rs. 2 lakh for the families of the deceased and Rs. 50,000 for the injured.

Man cheats Court by submitting fake documents as surety

Mysuru, Apr. 30 (GA&DM)- The In-charge CEO of the Principal District and Sessions Court (PDJ Court) has lodged a complaint with the Lakshmipuram Police seeking action against a man who has been charged of submitting fake documents to the Court as surety for an accused in a case, for getting bail.

Following the complaint, the Police have arrested one Shivaraja of Goge Hebbal village in Manvi taluk of Raichur district.

Shivaraja had submitted a fake Aadhaar card in the name of Doddaramanna of Mullur village in Mayasandra Hobli of Turuvekere taluk and the RTC of a land in Survey No. 5 of Mullur village as surety to Shreyas Gowda,who is Accused No. 2 in CEN Police station crime No.162/2024 on June 28, 2025, for getting bail. The Court getting suspicious about the submitted documents, summoned Doddaramanna and Shivaraja to appear before the Court. Subsequently, Doddaramanna appeared before the Court, during which he deposed that he did not stand as a surety for anyone and the documents submitted to the Court in his name were wholly fake.

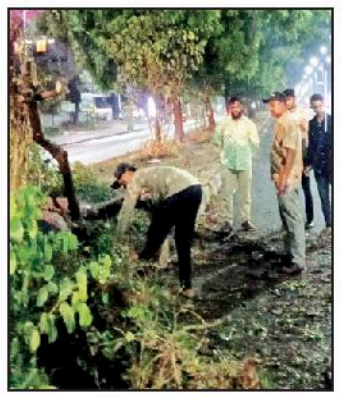
Later, Shivaraju appeared before the Court on Apr. 28, during which he confessed that he had submitted fake documents to the Court as surety for getting bail to accused Shreyas Gowda.

During his confession, Shivaraja said he worked as a mason at Ramanagara and he acted as told by his Maistry Rangaswamy, who said that he would give him (Shivaraja) fake documents in the name of Doddaramanna and that his job was to present them to the Court as surety, for which he was paid Rs.1,000. As the Police came to his house in search of him, he himself appeared before the Court and confessed to his wrongdoing.

Following Shivaraju's Court confession, the 7th Principal District and Sessions Court Judge directed the incharge CEO of PDJ court to lodge a complaint with the Police, seeking legal action against the accused for having cheated the Court. Acting on the complaint, the Lakshmipuram police took Shivaraja into custody and are investigating.

Rains bring respite from heat in Mysuru

Mysuru, Apr. 30 (PM&KS)- Scattered to moderate rainfall accompanied by thunder, lightning and gusty winds brought some respite to the residents yesterday, who were reeling under scorching heat.



The rain which began at about 9 pm, poured continuously for over 30 minutes and later reduced to a drizzle.

Following continuous rains, rain water flowed like a stream at K.R. Circle, Chamaraja Wadiyar Circle, Sayyaji Rao Road and other roads in the heart of the city. Rain water also gushed a few houses located in low lying areas catching the residents off guard.

Gusty winds brought down dry and weak branches of trees near Narayana Hospital on Outer Ring Road and near Mahadeshwara Temple in Kumbarakoppal,following which the MCC Abhaya team members rushed to the spots and cleared the fallen branches.

As a coconut tree fell on a house near Mahadeshwara Temple, the tree could not be removed last night. A crane will be pressed into service today and the tree will be cleared.

Also, a few localities plunged into darkness as CESC had disconnected the power supply as a precautionary step. The power supply was restored when the rain receded, later in the night.

Jnana Bharatam Mission

Mysuru records 30,996 manuscripts

Oriental Research Institute designated as cluster centre

Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy and other officials releasing the survey at a programme held at Zilla Panchayat auditorium in city yesterday.

Mysuru, Apr. 30 (BCT)- The Karnataka survey of ancient manuscripts under the Union Government's Jnana Bharatam Mission has been released. As of Apr. 27, 2026, surveys conducted across 17 districts have documented 2,13,255 manuscripts, including 30,996 in Mysuru district.

The mission, launched by Union Ministry of Culture, aims to preserve centuries-old handwritten texts & records across the country using modern technology for documentation, conservation, digitisation, translation and publication.

Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy released the survey at a programme held at Zilla Panchayat auditorium. He said this initiative would help safeguard India's rich cultural heritage and make it accessible to public through a national platform for benefit of future generations.

Uploaded to app

Under the scheme, details of manuscripts collected from across the country will be uploaded to a dedicated mobile application developed by the Centre, creating a national database with global access. In Karnataka, the Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage has been designated as the nodal agency to implement the mission.

A State-level Standing Committee, chaired by the Chief Secretary and district-level committees headed by DCs are being formed to oversee implementation. The Chief Secretary has also directed officials to step up awareness campaigns to ensure wider participation in the survey.

Officials said the mission is aimed not only at preserving manuscripts but also at making them accessible for research, education and cultural enrichment.

Task of district-level committees

District-level committees will coordinate survey work, identify manuscripts in libraries, temples, mutts, educational institutions and private collections and facilitate access for documentation and cataloguing.

They will also work to secure cooperation from custodians, spread awareness about the mission and submit periodic progress reports to the State Nodal Department, with logistical support from Jnana Bharatam.

The Oriental Research Institute (ORI), Mysore University, has been designated as a cluster centre, with former Director Dr. K. Viramapriya serving as the coordinator.

The survey is being carried out using technology-driven methods to ensure data accuracy and avoid duplication. It involves mapping collections and custodians, field visits, physical verification, condition assessment and geo-tagging.

Data is standardised through metadata recording and uploaded digitally via the Jnana Bharatam application. In areas with limited digital access, manual surveys using printed questionnaires are also being conducted. Verification will be done through central checks and random audits.

The survey is scheduled to continue till May 2026.

Officials said the initiative will help create a comprehensive State-wise manuscript database, identify rare and endangered texts, develop a GIS-based national manuscript map and strengthen community participation in preservation efforts.

Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage Deputy Director Dr. C.N. Manjula, Assistant Director Sunil Kumar, Tourism Department Assistant Director Prabhuswamy and former ORI Director Dr. K. Viramapriya were among those present.

Industrial training: Applications invited

Mysuru, Apr. 30- The National Association for the Blind (NAB) Industrial Training Centre for the Blind at Yadavagiri in city, has invited applications from visually-impaired and hearing-impaired eligible students (both boys and girls) for admission to industrial training course of one-year duration. The candidates must be aged between 16 and 25 years and should have studied up to SSLC.

The admitted candidates will be taught light engineering, plastic injection moulding, basic electrical repairs, manufacturing coir ropes and foot rugs etc. The prescribed application forms can be had from the Centre's Office. For details contact: 0821- 2514431/ 94492-63784.

Psychotropic drug sales

District narcotics panel inspects pharmacies, takes feedback

District Narcotics Committee headed by DC G. Lakshmikanth Reddy visited Raghulal and Co. pharmacy on Sayyaji Rao Road in city yesterday to check and take feedback. Others seen are City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar, SP Mallikarjun Baladandi, Assistant Drug Controllers Wasim-ur-Rehman Sharif and B.V. Ashalatha and Raghulal and Co. Proprietor N. Raghavan.

Mysuru, Apr. 30 (BCT&VNS)- A high-level District Narcotics Committee carried out surprise inspections at medical stores across the city yesterday to check the illegal sale of restricted drugs without prescription and take feedback from pharmacists to fight drug menace in city.

The team, led by Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, who also heads the Committee, along with City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar and Superintendent of Police Mallikarjun Baladandi, visited several pharmacies to verify compliance with norms under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940.

The team visited numerous pharmacies to scrutinise bills and prescriptions for medicines listed under Schedules H, H1 and X, which include psychotropic and other regulated drugs.

After visiting the pharmacies, Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy directed all pharmacies to strictly adhere to Government guidelines and ensure that Schedule H, H1 and X drugs are not sold without a doctor's prescription.

Medical shops have also been instructed to prominently display notices at their entrances stating that these medicines will be sold only against a valid prescription.

Maintain proper records

Reddy said the schedules cover around 50 drugs, including 'Alprazolam', 'Codeine' and 'Tapentadol', and emphasised that pharmacies must maintain proper records of stock, sales, prescriptions and bills, and produce them during inspections.

SP Mallikarjun Baladandi said monitoring compliance is challenging given the large number of pharmacies in the district and added that the Police will step up inspections alongside drug control authorities. Assistant Drug Controllers Wasim-ur-Rehman Sharif and B.V. Ashalatha were present during the drive.

Part of a State-level drive

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, pharmacist N. Raghavan of Raghulal & Co. said, "We, pharmacists, welcome the step taken by the Mysuru District Narcotics Committee. The inspection is focusing on the sale of restricted drugs without proper billing or valid prescriptions. Officers after visiting Raghulal and Co., expressed satisfaction with our documentation of over 58,000 items and our compliance with norms, including the appointment of qualified, full-time pharmacists, a requirement often overlooked by smaller outlets."

Explaining the classifications, Raghavan said Schedule H, H1 and X drugs can be sold only on the prescription of a Registered Medical Practitioner (RMP).

"We have initiated stringent measures of not dispensing any medicines without a prescription. In fact, there have been cases of people asking for certain drugs without a prescription. In such cases, we have refused to provide them with drugs," he added.

There is a prescription pads problem...

Doctors beware!

While the officers including Deputy Commissioner, City Police Commissioner and Superintendent of Police and officials of Department of Food Safety and Drug Administration have been visiting pharmacies across the city to check for any irregularities, many have also raised concerns over the easy availability of doctor's prescription pads leading to misuse.

"Though it is mandatory to mention the Doctor's name and Karnataka Medical Council (KMC) number in all prescriptions, it would be beneficial if the mobile numbers of doctors, prescribing medicines listed under Schedules H, H1 and X, are also mentioned along with the seal of hospitals so the pharmacies can call the doctor or the hospitals to check for the authenticity of the prescription," said many pharmacists who spoke to *Star of Mysore.*

Meanwhile, when asked about possible misuse of prescription pads, DC G. Lakshmikanth Reddy told *Star of Mysore,* **"It is the responsibility of the doctors to ensure their prescription pads are not misused. In case of such cases being reported, we have no other option but to initiate action against such doctors."**

KRS Dam level dips by 8 ft.

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Discharge from the dam rose by 339 cusecs during this period, increasing from 4,040 cusecs to 4,379 cusecs daily to cater to irrigation commitments and the drinking water needs of cities such as Mysuru and Bengaluru.

Further downstream, the Hogenakkal Falls is currently recording a flow of around 1,500 cusecs, supporting both drinking water supply and increased tourist activity during the summer. Mettur Dam is receiving an inflow of about 800 cusecs. With storage levels depleting, farmers & residents in Mysuru and Bengaluru have expressed concern that the reservoir may struggle to meet drinking water demand if the current trend continues.

However, officials have ruled out any immediate crisis. Kishore, Asst. Executive Engineer for downstream water management at KRS, told SOM that despite the drop in level, the reservoir still holds around 10 tmcft of live storage. "Water release for irrigation will be stopped completely after today (Apr. 30). From May 1, outflow will be restricted strictly for drinking purposes. Available storage is sufficient to meet requirements till July," he said.

He added that if the monsoon is delayed, authorities may resort to a rotational or alternate-day supply system to manage the remaining 2 to 2.5 tmcft required for drinking water per month.

Drinking water from KRS, Kabini tested before supply, says DC

Mysuru, Apr. 30 (AG&BCT)-In the wake of past incidents of contamination, including deaths reported in K. Salundi village in May 2024, the Mysuru District Administration has intensified monitoring of drinking water quality.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) G. Lakshmikant Reddy told *Star of Mysore* that water drawn from the Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam and the Kabini Dam is being subjected to stringent testing before supply.

"Water quality remains stable due to low turbidity in the reservoirs. We follow a strict three-stage treatment process, primary filtration, chemical treatment and UV disinfection, to eliminate bacterial contamination," he said.

The DC further added that officials have been directed to ensure continuous monitoring and to take immediate corrective measures if any sample fails quality checks. Fresh samples are to be retested after remedial action to ensure a safe supply.

Officials have also been asked to maintain heightened vigilance, noting that contaminated water can trigger the spread of infectious diseases, the DC added.

Palace Sound & Light Show to get a high-tech 3D upgrade

Detailed Project Report estimated at Rs. 13 crore prepared; tenders soon

Mysuru, Apr. 30 (BLU&BCT)- The Mysore Palace Board is set to introduce an advanced 3D-mapping Sound & Light Show at the iconic Mysore Palace, drawing inspiration from the popular spectacle at Golkonda Fort in Hyderabad. A Detailed Project Report (DPR) estimated at Rs. 13 crore has already been prepared for the project.

While the present Palace structure is just over a century old, the legacy of the Wadiyar dynasty spans more than four centuries.

To bring this history to life, a Sound & Light Show was introduced in 2017, tracing the dynasty's journey from the Wooden Palace, destroyed by fire, to the present-day Palace through narration and lighting effects.

As dusk descends, the Palace façade turns into a vibrant visual canvas, with lights and narration recreating key moments from Mysuru's royal past, its cultural richness, and global legacy. The show has remained a major draw for visitors, though the technology is now seen as outdated.

Chief Secretary meeting

At a recent meeting chaired by Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh, who also heads the Mysore Palace Board, it was decided to upgrade the show using modern projection technology.

The meeting was attended by DC G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, who is also the Palace Board's Executive Officer, and Deputy Director T.S. Subramanya. The proposal to modernise the show was approved after detailed discussions.

The upgraded version will feature high-resolution projectors, laser lighting and moving-head fixtures, enabling an immersive 3D mapping experience with the latest technology.

As part of the process, the Board had invited tenders to prepare the DPR. A single company submitted a proposal, which has now been forwarded to the Public Works Department (PWD) for scrutiny.

The PWD will verify the Schedule of Rates (SR) cited in the DPR and assess whether the costs of projectors and other equipment align with prevailing market rates.

Once the report is submitted, the Palace Board will review it and constitute a committee to validate the pricing before initiating the tender process. After the tender is finalised, the selected contractor will be given three months to install the new sound-and-light system.

Revamped show set to offer an immersive experience

The upgraded sound-and-light spectacle will be unveiled during the 2026 Mysuru Dasara. Designed to offer a more immersive experience, the revamped show will bring alive the 400-year legacy of the Wadiyar dynasty through advanced 3D mapping projections.

Unlike the current system, it will use high-resolution projectors, laser beams and moving-head fixtures to recreate the grandeur of Mysuru's past, tracing the dynasty's origins and its cultural and architectural milestones.

The upgraded spectacle is expected to rival some of the country's best-known Sound & Light Shows, including those at Golconda Fort, Agra Fort, Hatkeshwar Mahadev Temple in Gujarat and the Cellular Jail in Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

The upgraded, high-tech Sound & Light Show will be capable of accommodating over 2,000 spectators each evening and is expected to be far more engaging than the earlier version. The Board will also consult members of the Royal Family, including Pramoda Devi Wadiyar, to ensure the project is implemented with their concurrence and support. Technical aspects, including the number of projectors to be used, will be finalised before tenders are invited. Once the tender process is completed, the selected contractor will be given three months to install the system.

—T.S. Subramanya,
Deputy Director, Mysore Palace Board

The Palace Board has forwarded the DPR to the Public Works Department (PWD) for expert evaluation. Consultations will be held with specialist Electrical Engineers to verify its accuracy. We will closely examine whether the prices quoted for projectors and other imported equipment are realistic. As several of the required projectors have to be sourced from abroad, a precise cost assessment is essential.

— V. Mahadevaswamy,
Assistant Executive Engineer, PWD

Ban orders around exam centres from today

Mysuru, Apr. 30- With the Second PUC Exam-2 commencing from today (Apr. 30), the City Police have clamped prohibitory orders in 200 mts radius around the exam centres in city on all days of the exam, as a security measure. The exam will conclude on May 13.

The exam centres are: St. Philomena's Pre-University (PU) College, Bannimantap, Government PU College, Vontikoppal, Maharaja's PU College, JLB Road, Marimallappa's PU College, Sitavilas Road and Gopalaswamy PU College near Nanjumalige Circle.

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Alleged gold fraud

Customers protest in front of City Police Commissioner's Office

Mysuru, Apr.30 (MK&VNS)- The customers of SDJ Gold Company staged a protest in front of City Police Commissioner's Office in Nazarbad yesterday demanding action against the company for cheating them.

The customers alleged that the company's owner Chinnatambi, who promised to get their mortgaged gold released, had cheated them. They also accused the owner of threatening them and demanded the Police to summon Chinnatambi to the Police Commissioner's Office and resolve the issue.

"The mortgaged gold is melted and sold. There is no gold or money. The company is threatening us with rowdy elements. No action is taken despite filing complaints. Several customers have been cheated. The Police should investigate and provide justice for us," the protestors urged.

Mysuru has become hotspot for crime and mafia: Raghu Kautilya

Mysuru, Apr.30 (BLU&DM)-Alleging that Mysuru, known as the Cultural Capital of the State has turned into a hotspot for crime and mafia, State BJP OBC Morcha President Raghu R. Kautilya said that the Police must take action against SDJ Gold Company for cheating people in the name of getting pledged gold released.

Addressing a press meet here this morning, Raghu Kautilya claimed that the promise of getting pledged gold released is indeed a mafia run by underworld operator Chinnathambi.

Maintaining that thousands of people have been cheated in the name of getting pledged gold released, he urged the Police to immediately launch a crackdown on the mafia and thus save the gullible people of further hardship.

"We will lodge a complaint with the State DG-IGP Dr. M.A. Saleem if the local Police do not act against this mafia. Apart from SDJ company, there are many other gold companies which are cheating people. We will also write to the Enforcement Directorate (ED) seeking a probe into the operations of this mafia. The Police must setup special counters for receiving complaints on cheating in the name of releasing pledged gold, by offering higher market price for gold. These gold companies are fooling the gullible public by issuing false and misleading advertisements in newspapers," he pointed out.

Raghu R.Kautilya addressing a press meet this morning.

City BJP President L. Nagendra, who also addressed the press meet, said that cheating is taking place with an offer of a higher market price for pledged gold.

Police should take note of advertisements issued by gold companies regarding this, he said adding that the Home Minister should take serious note of the matter and order a Statewide Police probe into such cheating, which has turned out into a daylight robbery. BJP Spokesperson Mahesh Raje Urs was present.

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DECODING MYTHOLOGY

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Temple Gopurams as Royal Defiance

Most of the tall gopurams we see in South India today were built by Nayaka kings of Telugu origin. Most are three to four centuries old, built during and after the Vijayanagar period.

Nayaka rulers reimagined Ram and Krishna as political and theological answers to the Islamic and Indo-Persian imperial culture that shaped North and Deccan India. They did this not only through stories, but through massive temple building. The gopuram became their grand statement.

By the time the Nayakas came to power, Indians had already experienced centuries of sultanate and Mughal rule. Islamic kingship had introduced new court rituals, military systems, taxation models, city planning and monumental architecture.

The Nayakas did not ignore these changes. They absorbed them and reshaped them within a Hindu framework. Ram and Krishna became the language through which they expressed a different idea of kingship.

Ram was presented as Raghunatha, the perfect king. He stood for discipline, moral order, restraint and righteous war. In a time of constant battles and unstable alliances, Ram offered a moral grammar for power. His exile, suffering, obedience and eventual victory gave Nayaka rulers a model of just conquest.

Temples dedicated to Raghunatha became royal centres. Kings aligned themselves with him, suggesting that their rule followed divine law. In this way, Ram became linked to forts, capitals, coronations and political rituals. He was no longer only an epic hero. He was the image of lawful sovereignty.

Krishna was reshaped differently. As Rajagopalaswamy, the royal cowherd, he represented abundance, fertility, joy and emotional connection. If Ram stood for discipline, Krishna stood for intimacy. His pastoral stories tied kingship to agriculture, cattle wealth, irrigation and seasonal cycles.

Temples of Rajagopala controlled land, markets, festivals and pilgrimage networks. They were economic institutions as much as sacred spaces. Through Krishna, kings presented themselves as protectors of prosperity and happiness, not just warriors or tax collectors.

Together, Ram and Krishna created a balanced political theology. Ram gave structure to power. Krishna made power loveable. Ram justified rule and war. Krishna softened authority through devotion and celebration. This balance helped Nayaka rulers govern diverse populations. They combined force with consent, law with emotion.

This vision took visible form in the gopuram. The towering gateway became the public face of Hindu sovereignty. It rose above cities just as domes and minarets did in Islamic architecture. The gopuram announced the presence of divine kingship.

While the sanctum inside the temple remained inward and dark, the gopuram faced the city. It addressed markets, streets and processions. It made the god visible and unavoidable.

The sculptures on these gateways told the stories of Ram and Krishna in crowded, dramatic detail. Myth moved into public space. Processions passed through multiple courtyards (mandapa) and long pillared corridors, turning the temple complex into a stage.

The deity was treated like an emperor and the temple became his court. Urban planning centred around the temple complex, creating ceremonial routes that echoed imperial models but replaced palaces and mosques with sacred towers.

In this blending of story, architecture and statecraft, the Nayakas shaped an early modern Hindu kingship. Ram and Krishna were no longer only devotional figures from epic and bhakti poetry. They became political archetypes. Through them, power was explained, justified, softened and celebrated. And the gopuram stood high above the city as the visible sign of this new sacred sovereignty.

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CREDAI seeks uniform FAR norms, plan validity extension

Mysuru, Apr. 30 (BCT)- The Confederation of Real Estate Developers' Associations of India (CREDAI), Mysuru, has urged the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) to introduce uniform Floor Area Ratio (FAR) norms in line with other districts in Karnataka and to extend the validity of building plan sanctions from two years to five years.

In a memorandum submitted to MCC Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif, CREDAI Mysuru President Harish Shenoy, along with Chairman D. Srihari, Vice-President L. Arun Pandit, Kumaraswamy and Madhu, said the existing FAR provisions in Mysuru are relatively restrictive and put the city at a disadvantage compared to other districts.

They noted that variations in FAR norms have created an imbalance in development opportunities, affecting optimal land use, housing supply, project viability and affordability. Lower FAR limits, they said, also constrain the city's urban growth potential.

CREDAI Mysuru President Harish Shenoy presenting a memorandum to MCC Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif, as CREDAI Chairman D. Srihari, Vice-President L. Arun Pandit, Kumaraswamy and Madhu look on.

CREDAI argued that rationalising FAR norms would enable better land utilisation, support higher density in suitable areas and promote transit-oriented development. Such a move, it added, would also encourage investment in infrastructure and improve access to housing. The Association has urged MCC to review current FAR regulations & adopt a common framework in line with prevailing norms across the State to ensure planned and sustainable urban development.

Building plan validity

CREDAI has also sought an extension of building plan sanction validity from the current two years to five years. It said the present timeframe is inadequate, particularly for large projects that often face delays due to statutory approvals, financing cycles, market conditions and material and labour constraints.

"Extending validity period would reduce the need for repeated renewals, ease administrative procedures and provide greater certainty for developers. A longer window would also help in better project planning, improve compliance and boost investor confidence. Proposed reforms would go a long way in improving the ease of doing business and supporting Mysuru's long-term growth," CREDAI said.

PHC Medical Officer accused of inappropriate behaviour

Dr. S. Anil Kumar of Harohalli (Mellahalli) PHC immediately relieved and transferred to the Commissionerate of Health and Family Welfare Dept.; DHO recommends his suspension

Mysuru, Apr. 30 (PM&BS)- Medical Officer of a Primary Health Centre (PHC) at Harohalli (Mellahalli) in Mysuru taluk, is facing charges of misbehaviour, by allegedly drinking liquor and smoking during duty hours recently.

Dr. S. Anil Kumar is that Government official, the video of whom smoking at the premises of the PHC has gone viral on social networking sites. Besides, he was found walking uncontrollably, under the influence of liquor, as caught on camera on Tuesday (Apr. 28).

Dr. S. Anil Kumar

Taking receipt of the matter, District Health Officer (DHO) Dr.P.C. Kumaraswamy told media persons that the said doctor has been relieved from duty at Harohalli PHC and has been asked to report on transfer to the Commissionerate of Health and Family Welfare Department. While another doctor has been posted as a replacement, in his place.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Dr. Kumaraswamy attributed the misconduct of Dr. Anil Kumar to personal reasons, following which he was also referred to counselling. He had recovered and was normal, but has yet again repeated his histrionics. Apart from his transfer, he has been recommended for suspension.

Prior to this, a complaint had been received at DHO office on Mar. 27 itself, through Taluk Medical Officer against Dr. Anil Kumar. For the last 15 days, he had been posting abusive messages in the hospital's WhatsApp group, that has 12 staff including seven women, much to their discomfort, it is stated.

He was allegedly making video calls to the hospital staff at midnight hours, threatening them to receive his call. He daily smokes and drinks a peg or two, inside Out-Patients Department (OPD), the staff had stated in the complaint, expressing their fears to work with him in such an unsafe condition.

Entries invited for NHRC's Short Film Contest-2026

Mysuru, Apr. 30- National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) of India, New Delhi, has been conducting a Short Film Competition on Human Rights since 2015. For the 12th edition of the competition in 2026, it has invited online entries from Indian citizens. Prize money for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Best Film will be Rs. 2 lakh, Rs. 1.50 lakh and Rs. 1 lakh respectively.

Also, four films recommended by the Judges, will be awarded a cash prize of Rs. 50 thousand each along with certificates.

The short films should be in Hindi or any Indian language, with English subtitles and duration of the short film should be minimum 3 minutes and maximum 10 minutes. **Last date for receiving entries is June 30.** Short films should be submitted online to *nhrcshortfilm@gmail.com* using Google Drive.

A copy of the terms and conditions and the application form can be obtained from the National Human Rights Commission website: ***https://nhrc.nic.in*** OR ***https://nhrc.nic.in/flipbook/files/255***

There is no age restriction. For details, contact Ph: 011-24663281/ 24663367, according to Jaimini Kumar Srivastava, Dy. Director, Media & Communication, NHRC.

Elme Muzhara, Sandal Urus of Hazarath Haleem Basha Khadree from today

Mysuru, Apr. 30 (KS)- Educational Demonstration (Elme Muzhara) by the students of Madries Azeez-ur-Rehaman Arabic, organised by Madrasa Azeez-ur-Rehaman Wakf Managing Committee will be held at Masjid Akbaree Ground in Haleemnagar here at 7 pm today.

The event will be held under the Chairmanship of MLA Tanveer Sait. Sir Khazi of Mysuru Hazarath Moulana Mohammed Usman Shariff and Chief Patron of Arabic Madries Azeez-ur-Rehaman Hazarath Moulana Afsar Sayeed Siddiqi will be present.

Khateeb of Masjid Firdose, C-Layout in Bannimantap Hazarath Moulana Zakaulla Siddiqi, Moulana Sarfaraz, Qasmi of Madrasa Ashraf-ul-Uloom in Kesare, Qasmi Khateeb-o-Imam of Masjid Omer Sha at Bada Makan Hazarath Moulana Kaleem-ur-Rehaman, Member of District Waqf Board Advisory Committee Hazarath Moulana Syed Ibrahim Siddiqi, General Secretary of Jamiath-ul-Ulma Hazarath Hafiz Arshad Ahmed Hanfi, Hazarath Moulana Abdul Majeed Ziyati, Hazarath Moulana Abdul Salam Razvi, Khateeb-o-Imam of Masjid Rifa Sawarline Hazarath Moulana Syed Zubair, Khateeb-o-Imam of Masjid Rifa Apna Ghar Hazarath Moulana Mohd. Salman, Hazarath Moulana Syed Sadiq and Hazarath Hafiz Nasir Pasha will speak on the occasion.

Night prayer will be held at 9.30 at Masjid Akbaree.

Office-bearers of Masjid Akbaree-o-Madrasa, Azeez-ur-Rehaman Wakf Management Committee S. Star Shafi (President), Abdul Jabbar (Vice-President), A.Z. Awaiz Pasha (Secretary), Samiulla (Treasurer), Members: Sameer Khan, Maqsood Ahmed, Mateen Ali Khan, Asif Ahmed, Mubarak Pasha, Ilyas Pasha and Mohd. Imran will be present.

Annual Sandal Urus Shariff of Hazarath Haleem Basha Khadree will be held for three days from Apr. 30 to May 2 during which Qawali programme will be held on May 1 and 2.

Programme details:

Apr. 30: After Maghrib Salath (Dusk prayer- 7 pm) demonstration by the students, educators of Madrasa Azeez-ur-Rehaman (Arabic Madries) will be held at Masjid Akbaree Ground in Haleemnagar.

May 1: Annual Sandal Urus Shariff procession will begin at 4 pm from Haleemnagar and will pass via KSRTC Layout, Hanumantha Nagar and Bannimantap. After Dusk prayer, Fatha Khawni, applying of Sandal paste, spreading of flower mat (Chadar shariff), Duwa (supplications) will be performed. Qawali programme will be held at 10 pm by Mysuru city famous Qawal Muzamil and troupe.

May 2: Qawali programme by inter-State famous Qawal Sultan Nazan and troupe will be held the entire night.

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ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF Dry Agriculture Lands bearing the following Owner's Name, Survey Numbers, Extents and Boundaries, situated at Kothalavadi Village, Harave Hobli, Chamarajanagara Taluk, Chamarajanagara District, and situated at Terakanambi Village, Terakanambi Hobli, Gundlupete Taluk, Chamarajanagara District, totally measuring 27 Acres 03 Guntas, the details are as under;

Owner's Name	Survey No.	extent A	extent G	Boundary East	Boundary West	Boundary North	Boundary South
Kothalavadi Village, Harave Hobli, Chamarajanagara Taluk, Chamarajanagara District, properties as follows.							
Legal Heirs of Late Parameshwarappa K.N, **Chinna Thayamma and Others**	194/2	01	20	Sy. No. 193	Sy. No. 193 & Sy. No. 194/1	Sy. No. 193	Sy. No. 193
GURUSWAMY S/o Siddappa	199/2	01	02	Sy. No. 199/3	Sy. No. 198/4 & Sy. No. 198/3	Sy. No. 199/1	Sy. No. 193
Legal heirs of Late Devaraja Shetty **NAGARAJAMMA** and Others	226/3	02	30	Sy. No. 226/1	Sy. No. 225/2 & Sy. No. 226/2	Sy. No. 226/2	Sy. No. 224 & Sy. No. 227
KODANDAPANI S/o Swamynathan	231/1	00	30	Sy. No. 230	Sy. No. 231/2	Sy. No. 232/1A	Sy. No. 231/3
	231/2	00	23	Sy. No. 231/1	Sy. No. 233/1 & Sy. No. 233/2	Sy. No. 232/2	Sy. No. 231/3
	231/3	03	31	Sy. No. 230 & Sy. No. 229	Sy. No. 233/2	Sy. No. 231/1 & Sy. No. 231/2	Sy. No. 226/2
	232/2	02	09	Sy. No. 232/1A & Sy. No. 232/1B	Sy. No 233/1	Sy. No. 235 & Sy. No. 240/2	Sy. No. 231/2
	232/3	00	29	Sy. No. 232/1A & Sy. No. 232/1B	Sy. No. 233/1	Sy. No. 235 & Sy. No. 240/2	Sy. No. 231/2
CHIKKAMADASHETTY S/o Devashetty	193/19	02	04	Parvathamma's Land in Sy. No. 193	Devashetty's Land in Sy. No. 193	Siddashetty's Land in Sy. No. 193	Shivabasappa's Land in Sy. No. 193
SHANTHAPPA S/o Late Madappa	193/34	01	10	Doddagandu's Land in Sy. No.193	Madashetty 's Land in Sy. No.193	Kariya's (Sottha) Land in Sy. No.193	K. G. Guruswamy's Land in Sy. No.193
RANGASHETTY S/o Puttamadashetty	193/11	02	35	Government Road	Government Gudda	Government Land (Water Tank)	Nagaraja Shetty's in Sy. No. 193
DEVASHETTY S/o Devashetty	193/20	02	04	Shivabasappa's Land in Sy. No. 193	Devashetty 's Land in Sy. No. 193	Chikkamadashetty's Land in Sy. No. 193	Shankara's in Sy. No. 193
DEVAMMA W/o Devashetty	193/5	01	26	Chikkamadashetty 's Land in Sy. No. 193	Basavanna's in Sy. No. 193	Madashetty's Land in Sy. No. 193	Shivabasappa 's Land in Sy. No. 193
Terakanambi Village, Terakanambi Hobli, Gundlupete Taluk, Chamarajanagara District, properties as follows.							
MARISHETTY S/o Govindashetty	396	02	20	Chamashetty's in Land Sy. No. 396	Kariyaiah's Land in Sy. No. 396	Biligirishetty's Land in Sy. No. 193	Basavanna and Madappa Land in Sy. No. 193
MAHADEVASHETTY S/o Kempashetty	396	01	10	Govinda Shetty's Land in Sy. No. 396	Govinda Shetty's Land in Sy. No. 396	Naviluru Madappa's Land in Sy. No. 396	Basavanna Katnavadi Land in Sy. No. 396
Total	**Total**	27	03				

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KSOU may lose distance education monopoly

Conflict between KSOU VC and Higher Education Dept. set to undermine KSOU's status; Government set to permit all Varsities to offer distance learning

Mysuru, Apr. 30 (BLU&BS)- Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) is facing the threat of losing its monopoly in offering open and distance learning courses, with the State Government allegedly leaving no stone unturned to undermine its status.

The Government is mulling over permitting all the regular Universities in the State, to offer distance education, while the University of Mysore (UoM) and several other Varsities in the State have been offering courses in distance education mode.

This follows, the Higher Education Department's persistent efforts to rein in KSOU, especially after the right-wing sponsored event 'Ekatma Manav Darshan - Bharat's Worldview' promoting the philosophy advocated by Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) leader Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay, was organised from Mar. 25 to 27 at KSOU Convocation Hall in city.

What added fuel to fire was, the level of temerity displayed by KSOU Vice-Chancellor Dr. Sharanappa V. Halse, by going ahead with jointly organising the programme at KSOU campus, despite the Government's instructions to cancel the same. This led to a conflict between

KSOU and the Government, raising the eyebrows of those privy to the matter.

Subsequently, in a perceived act of vengeance, the Higher Education Department wrote to three Banks in city, maintaining the account of KSOU, to freeze them, in the name of ongoing probe by One-Man Fact-Finding Committee headed by Justice Patil.

However, when the Bank authorities refused to heed, as the Higher Education Department failed to reply to the queries raised by the Banks, in compliance with the procedure to freeze the account, the Government, which suffered a setback, has made yet another move.

While the University of Mysore, Bangalore University, Kuvempu University, Shivamogga, Karnatak University Dharwad (KUD) and several other regular Universities are given permission to start the courses in distance mode, the Higher Education Department has larger plans to expand its plans covering all the regular Varsities. Interestingly, when the KSOU was established, the Government had revoked distance education courses in regular Varsities.

'Not possible at one go'

When contacted by *Star of Mysore*, KSOU Vice-Chancellor Dr. Sharanappa V. Halse said, it was not possible to start open and distance learning courses simultaneously at all the Varsities, as the Government has to abide by regulations and seek the approval of Distance Education Bureau at University Grants Commission (UGC).

Dr. Halse

"Any decision of the Government should be finally approved by the Governor, the Chancellor of all Varsities. One should wait and watch the decision of the Governor, who is supposed to take a sound judgment in such matters of importance," he added.

Explaining about the distinction set by KSOU, in the realm of distance education, Dr. Halse said, "over one lakh students are pursuing their education in over 80 courses. The learning materials are qualitative, a rarity again when compared to other Varsities. Several other Varsities, including that of Hyderabad University, follow the model of KSOU in preparing the learning materials. Hence, the KSOU won't feel any impact, even if regular Varsities offer distance education."

Moonlight Music on May 1

Vid. Raghavendra *Vid. Srinidhi* *Vid. Ravishankar* *Vid. Sharath*

Mysuru, Apr. 30- Vid. Ballary M. Raghavendra will be presenting a vocal concert as part of Moonlight Music-291 programme at Suttur Mutt, foot of Chamundi Hill, in city on May 1 at 6 pm.

He will be accompanied by Vid. Mathur Srinidhi on violin, Vid. Tumkur B. Ravishankar on mridanga and Vid. Sharath Koushik on ghata.

Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji will grace the occasion.

Free farmers' camp at Suttur

Mysuru, Apr. 30- A free farmers' camp has been organised at Suttur Srikshetra from May 1 to 3, under the joint auspices of Jagadguru Sri Veerasimhasana Mahasamsthana Mutt, Suttur Srikshetra, Sri Shivarathreeshwara Religious Endowment and JSS Mahavidyapeetha.

The camp will be inaugurated by Ashok Dalwai, Chairman, Karnataka Agriculture Price Commission (KAPC), Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bengaluru. Dr. S.V. Suresha, Vice-Chancellor, University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), Bengaluru, will preside over the event. Dr. A.B. Patil, President, Institution of Agricultural Technologists, Bengaluru, will be the chief guests.

During the event, lectures on Indian agriculture and culture, integrated organic and natural farming, agricultural business management and marketing, crop diversity and mixed cropping system, export of agricultural products, will be delivered respectively by Channappa Angadi, Dr. Vitthal I. Benagi, Dr. H.A. Bindu, Dr. Nagarajappa Adivappar and H. Nagendrakumar.

A demonstration of natural farming methods has been organised at ICAR JSS Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK).

The camp will have daily mass prayers, yoga and meditation, indigenous games and cultural programmes.

Scientific Pranayama Therapy Camps

Mysuru, Apr. 30- A series of Free Scientific Pranayama Therapy Camps are being organised under the guidance of Dr. Devaki Madhav, in collaboration with the Department of AYUSH, Mysuru, at the following venues:

May 1: Government Ayurveda Chikitsalaya, Srirampura; **May 2:** Government Ayurveda Chikitsalaya, Hinkal; **May 3:** Government Prakriti Chikitsaa, Hospital, K.G. Koppal; **May 4:** SRS Mutt, Navilu Road, Kuvempunagar; **May 5:** Sri Rama Mandira, Ballal Circle.

All the sessions will be conducted at 5 pm. For details, contact Mob: 98868-97796 or 94487-50548.

These camps aim to create awareness about the benefits of scientifically practiced pranayama in improving physical health, mental balance and overall quality of life.

The initiative is open to all members of the public and is especially beneficial for individuals seeking complementary support for various health conditions.

International workshop on Generic Drugs held at JSS Medical College

Mysuru, Apr. 30 (KS) - An international workshop on 'Generic Drugs: Science, Technology, Regulatory Issues and Societal Dimensions in the Developing World,' organised by JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research (JSSAHER), in collaboration with the Indian Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, witnessed an engaging panel discussion on Generics and Global Health: Ethics, Access and Societal Impact at JSS Medical College in city recently.

The two-day event commenced with inaugural addresses by JSS AHER Dean (Academics) Dr. Vishal Gupta, Vice-Chancellor Dr. H. Basavanagowdappa, Pro-Chancellor Dr. B. Suresh Bhojraj, Director General of NAM S&T Centre in New Delhi Dr. Amitava Bandopadhyay and Vice-President & Group Head Regulatory Affairs at Mumbai Dr. Bobby George.

JSS Mahavidyapeetha Executive Secretary Dr. C.G. Betsurmath delivered the Presidential address. JSS College of Pharmacy Principal Dr. T.M. Pramod Kumar proposed a vote of thanks.

A major highlight of the event was the panel discussion moderated by Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Pharmacy Practice Dr. Shilpa Palaksha. The panel featured experts including Dr. M.D. Karvekar, Dr. A. Babu Thandapani, Dr. K.M. Srinath, Amanulla Khan and Dr. B.A. Viswanath.

The session focused on the importance of affordable generic medicines, ethical prescribing practices, regulatory strengthening and societal trust in generics.

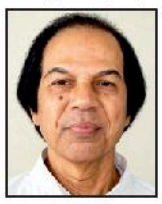
Speakers emphasised that improving public awareness, ensuring quality assurance and building stronger collaborations among regulators, healthcare professionals and pharmacists are essential to expanding access to cost-effective medicines globally.

The workshop also featured lectures by Prof. Shital Mahindra Mohanlal Mar from Kenya on pharmaceutical industry development through South-South collaboration.

The event concluded successfully, reinforcing Mysuru's role as a growing centre for global pharmaceutical dialogue and policy discussions on equitable healthcare access.

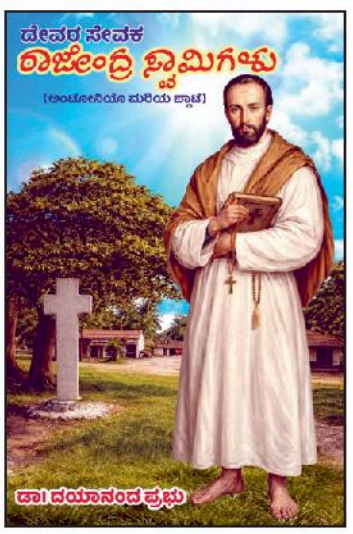
Kannada book release tomorrow

Mysuru, Apr. 30- A Kannada book 'Devara Sevaka Rajendra Swamigalu (Antoniyo Maria Platey)' on missionary and social service activities of Rev. Fr. Antoniyo Maria Platey, a Jesuit Missionary from Italy, will be released by Most Rev. Dr. Francis Serrao SJ, Bishop of Mysuru, at Chikkarasinakere tomorrow (May 1), on the occasion of the Annual Jathra Festivities in his honour.



Fr. Dr. Dayananda Prabhu

Antoniyo Maria Platey was fondly called 'Rajendra Swamy' by his devotees and he is on the way to be proclaimed a Saint, making him the first Saint of Mysuru. He is already proclaimed as



'Servant of God.' This is the first step in canonisation.

The book is written by Rev. Fr. Dr. Dayananda Prabhu, Visiting Professor, Chair in Christianity (retd.), University of Mysore. This is his 21st book.

SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

- **Sangam Theatre** — Ph: 2520494
  Kara (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — Mob: 99008-20093
  Kotigobba (K) - 4 Shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** — Ph: 2443568
  KD: The Devil (K) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — Ph: 2420885
  Maanikya (K) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — Ph: 2521923
  Kara (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — Ph: 2422871
  KD: The Devil (K) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — Mob: 98454-14691
  Puneeth Nivasa (K) - 4 Showss
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — Ph: 2423554
  Love Insurance Kompany (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — Mob: 98863-25207
  Dacoit (H) - 3 Shows

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KD: The Devil (K)	(S-1)	7.05 am, 10.05 am
		1.05 pm, 4.05 pm
		7.05, 10.05 pm
	(S-2)	4.15 pm
	(S-3)	10.20 am
Kara (Ta)	(S-2)	9.45 am, 1 pm
		7.10 pm, 10.25 pm
	(S-3)	4 pm
Michael (E)	(S-3)	1.20 pm
	(S-4)	10.35 am, 4.15 pm
		7.05 pm, 9.55 pm
The Devil Wears Prada 2 (E)	(S-3)	7.15 pm, 9.55 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	(S-4)	1.20 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS Ph: 2973519

KD: The Devil (K)	:	12.15 pm, 1.10 pm
		3.05 pm, 4 pm
		6 pm, 6.50 pm, 9 pm
Dhurandhar: The Revenge (K)	:	1 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	1 pm
Bharathanatyam 2 Mohiniyattam (Ma)	:	9.15 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

KD: The Devil (K)	:	12.15 pm, 12.50 pm
		1.15 pm, 3.20 pm
		4.20 pm, 6.25 pm
		7.25 pm, 9.30 pm
		10.30 pm
Kara (Ta)	:	12.25 pm, 3.40 pm
		6.55 pm, 10.10 pm
Project Hail Mary (E)	:	1.15 pm
Bhooth Bangla (H)	:	3.55 pm
Michael (E)	:	4.30 pm, 7.25 pm
		10.20 pm
The Devil Wears Prada 2 (E)	:	7.20 pm, 10 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

Dhurandhar: The Revenge (H)	:	11.05 am
KD: The Devil (K)	:	11.45 am, 12.45 pm
		2.50 pm, 3.50 pm
		5.55 pm, 6.55 pm
		9 pm, 10 pm
Kara (Ta)	:	12.35 pm, 3.50 pm
		7.05 pm, 10.20 pm
Bhooth Bangla (H)	:	3.35 pm
The Devil Wears Prada 2 (E)	:	7 pm, 9.40 pm

EVENTS TODAY (APRIL 30)

- **Makkala Loka:** Valedictory of Saalumarada Thimmakka Memorial Children's Fest, journalist Rashmi Koti inaugurates, Rangayana Artiste Mime Ramesh and Dvanyalokka Manager Prof. Jayashree Sanjay chief guests, Theatre Director H. Janardhan presides; Staging of play 'Nere-Hore' by Surya troupe, 'Namma Parisara' by Navilu troupe, 'Kouravana Garvabhanga' by Ganga troupe; Yoga Dance, Tribal Dance and Songs, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Venkateshwara Dhyana Kendra:** 8th anniversary of Uttaradi Mutt branch, Discourse 'Kurmavatara Mahime' by Pt. Sri Aadyagovindacharya, Kendra premises, Srirampura, **6 pm to 7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MAY 1)

- **Sri Venkateshwara Dhyana Kendra:** 8th anniversary of Uttaradi Mutt branch, Purushasukta Homa and Srisukta Homa, **Morning;** Maharathotsava, Kendra premises, Srirampura, **6 pm to 7 pm.**
- **Nannavva Samskrutika Kalatanda:** Bhagawan Buddha Jayanti, interaction on 'Yuddhakke Parihara Buddha' and cultural programmes, MLA A.R. Krishnamurthy inaugurates, District Kannada Sahitya Parishat Mysuru President Maddikere Gopal presides, Namana Kala Mantapa, Ashoka (Ballal) Circle, **9.30 am.**
- **Basava Samiti (Hebbal-Vijayanagar):** Sharana Sangama-317, Sri Basaveshwara Jayanti, Akkamahadevi Jayanti and Book Release Programme, Vachana Gayana Competition, **10 am;** Vachana Gayana by Sri Shivarathreeshwara Akkana Balaga and Basava Samiti Members, **11 am;** Book Release and staging of play 'Bala Basava,' JSS Mahavidyapeetha Publishing Division Director Prof. Morabada Mallikarjuna releases the books 'Basava Vachana Chintana' (authored by Prof. Morabada Mallikarjuna) and 'Anudina Vachana' (authored by Dr. B.V. Vasanthkumar), Basava Samithi President H.V. Basavaraju (Hinkal) presides, D.N. Lokappa of Samvahana Publications will be present, Basava Bhavan, CA No. 5, 11th Cross, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **11.30 am.**
- **All India Trade Union Congress, Mysuru District Committee:** Labourers' Day celebrations, procession, **11 am;** Open meeting, Town Hall, **12 noon.**
- **Indian Institute of Educational Theatre (IIET):** ART Intro Summer Celebrations, puppet shows 'Rabi Learned Roaring' and 'Monku and Rabi,' Kannada children's play 'Pippigondu Pappi,' directed by noted theatre practitioner Prasanna, IIET, Hardwicke School, JLB Road, **3 pm.** [Mob: 96868-92255]
- **Ganabharathi:** Classical Duet in memory of Vidu. G.S. Kamala by Lathangi Sisters — Vidu. Archana and Vidu. Samanvi — accompanied by Vid. B.K. Raghu on violin, Vid. Anoor Vinod Shyam on mridanga and Vid. Shamith Gowda on ghata, Veene Seshanna Bhavana, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**
- **Suttur Mutt, Mysuru:** Moonlight Music-291, Vocal concert by Vid. Ballary M. Raghavendra, accompanied by Vid. Mathur Srinidhi on violin, Vid. Tumkur B. Ravishankar on mridanga and Vid. Sharath Koushik on ghata; Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, Suttur Mutt, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6 pm.**
- **Karnataka Buddha Dhamma Samithi:** Bhagawan Buddha Jayanti, Sri Lanka's Na Uyana Aranya - Ironwood Grove Forest Monastery's Bodhi Dhamma Bhanteji graces the occasion and delivers a discourse on Bhagawan Buddha, Siddartha Buddha Vihar, D. Sanjeevaiah Memorial Institution, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **6 pm.**

EVENTS ON SATURDAY (MAY 2)

- **Sri Venkateshwara Dhyana Kendra:** 8th anniversary of Uttaradi Mutt branch, Abhishekas and Message by Sri 1008 Sri Satyatmateertha Sripadangal, Mahamangalarati, tirtha-prasada, Kendra premises, Srirampura, **8 am.**
- **Kalasuruchi:** 'Kathe Kelona Banni-930,' story-telling by **B. Balakrishnaiah,** retd. Teacher & State Resource Person, Dept. of Education, Mysuru, Suruchi Rangamane, #476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm.** [Mob: 92435-81097 or 99459-43115]

MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

Kara (Ta)	:	12.15 pm, 3.30 pm
		6.45 pm, 10 pm
KD: The Devil (K)	:	12.15 pm, 12.45 pm
		1.15 pm, 3.20 pm
		3.50 pm, 4.20 pm
		6.25 pm, 7.25 pm
		9.30, 10.30 pm
The Devil Wears Prada 2 (E)	:	7 pm, 9.40 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

KD: The Devil (K)	:	11.45 am, 12.45 pm
		1.35 pm, 2.50 pm
		3.50 pm, 4.40 pm
		5.55 pm, 6.55 pm
		9 pm, 10 pm
Kara (Ta)	:	12.45 pm, 4 pm
		7.15 pm, 10.30 pm
The Devil Wears Prada 2 (E)	:	7.45 pm, 10.20 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

Buddha Jayanti celebrations

Mysuru, Apr. 30- The District Administration, Kannada and Culture Department, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and Bhagawan Buddha Jayantotsava Samiti have jointly organised Bhagawan Buddha Jayanti celebrations at Kalamandira on Hunsur Road in city tomorrow (May 1) at 10 am.

Dr. Kalyanasiri Bhanteji of Vishwa Mythri Buddha Vihar will grace the occasion. District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa will inaugurate. MLA K. Harishgowda will preside. B. Gopal of Praja Parivarthana Vedike will deliver a lecture on the occasion.

Prior to the stage programme, a procession will be taken out from Town Hall to Kalamandira, starting at 8.30 am, according to a press release.

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